

# Border Eagle

**Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'**



## Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin

### Pilot graduation

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-07 graduates at 10 a.m. today at the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Donald Cook, Air Force Space Command vice commander.

### Hours change

Beginning Monday, the Allergy/Immunization Clinic will change its hours of operation. The Immunization Clinic will be open from 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday for routine immunizations. Immunotherapy patients can receive shots Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 7:30 - 11:15 a.m. and from 1- 4:15 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, call the clinic at 298-6469.

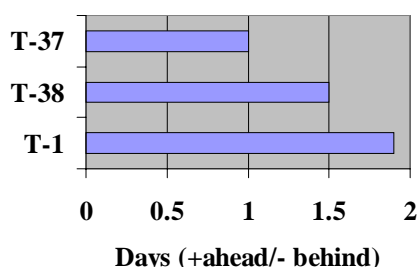
### New look

Look for a slight change in appearance on next week's Border Eagle front page.

### Mission status

(As of March 29)

#### Student Timeline



**Sorties flown in FY 00:**  
31,571

**Hours flown in FY 00:**  
47,107

**Pilot wings earned in FY 00:**  
149

**Pilot wings earned since 1963:**  
11,795

## New symbol: Air Force releases formats, guidelines for appropriate use

WASHINGTON – Air Force officials released guidelines March 23 that outline appropriate uses for the new Air Force symbol.

The symbol, being tested by Air Force leaders, will be used in a variety of ways, including outreach communication and advertising, to promote recruiting, retention and general public awareness of the Air Force and its value to the nation.

The guidelines represent the latest step in the testing of a new program to tell the Air Force story to airmen already in service, to young people considering military service, and to people who influence retention and recruiting decisions. Several versions of the design and the guidelines are available to the military and public on the World Wide Web.

“We’re excited to be able to make the design available to everyone and, based on the questions we’ve already received, I think we’ll be seeing a lot of it,” said Col. Ron Rand, Air Force director of public affairs.

The new symbol, introduced in January, is an update of the classic Hap Arnold Army Air Corps wings, which were re-introduced in 1994. Looking both like a bird of prey and a medal, the new symbol can

now be used on “perishable” items such as stationery, presentation slides, hats, T-shirts and coins, officials said. The symbol should not be applied at this time to “nonperishable” uses such as aircraft, vehicles, buildings, and base entrance gates.

“This symbol is one part of an effort to more effectively tell the Air Force story and present a consistent Air Force image,” Rand said. “Eventually, when someone sees this symbol, they should immediately identify it with the Air Force.”

“The design has many possibilities for use in a variety of settings,” he said. “There’s a white-on-black version, a white-on-blue version, a metallic version suitable for pins and a version which incorporates our existing major command emblems.”

The symbol is also available in several different formats, including versions that can be downloaded by anyone inside or outside the military. It can also be used with just about any type of software.

“This symbol doesn’t replace any we’ve used in the past,” Rand explained. “And, this initiative is much more than a new symbol or advertising slogan. It’s part of a comprehensive effort to improve recruiting and retention, both of which are serious problems that directly affect our readi-



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ness and ability to accomplish our mission.

“We recognize that change causes turbulence, and if this symbol is eventually adopted formally, the long-term cultural change we envision will take years,” he said. “Meanwhile, we’ll continue to test it ... and we’ll pay close attention to the feedback we get. People can send comments and feedback to [afstory@pentagon.af.mil](mailto:afstory@pentagon.af.mil)

“The new symbol is a great combination of our history and our future,” Rand said. “It will be the most visible part of our plan to make sure everyone in and out of uniform knows what it means to be an airman.”

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**-Col. Ron Rand**  
*Air Force public affairs director*

## 16 Laughlin captains selected for promotion to major

Sixteen captains here found out Tuesday they will be promoted to the rank of major, as the Air Force released its CY00A major selection list. Laughlin’s promotees are:

■ Ronald K. Dancy, 86 FTS  
■ Jon A. Fornal, 84 FTS  
■ Christopher Irwin, 85 FTS

■ George James, 87 FTS  
■ James B. Kline, 87 FTS  
■ Kevin Kniskern, 86 FTS

■ John H. Long, 85 FTS  
■ Christopher McCallan, 84 FTS  
■ Steven Noll, 47 OSS  
■ William Nolte, 47 MSS  
■ William Rayner, 84 FTS

■ John Roden, 86 FTS  
■ Dean Stephen, 87 FTS  
■ Thaddeus Szramka, 86 FTS  
■ Tammy Savoie, 47 MDOS  
■ Carolyn Wolfer, 47 MDSS  
(Courtesy 47 MSS)

## *t h e* inside scoop

### CES projects ...

Lt. Col. Allen Poerner, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, addresses building and infrastructure projects.

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### Volunteers honored ...

Base and Del Rio volunteers will be recognized for their contributions Monday through April 15.

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# Commander o r n e r



By Lt. Col.  
Allen Poerner

47th Civil Engineer  
Squadron  
commander

With many building and infrastructure projects ongoing,  
the 47th Civil Engineer Squadron has plenty of...

## Work in progress

Instead of the standard philosophy and words of wisdom that appear in this weekly column, I thought I'd just provide an update on the changing face of Laughlin – from the building and infrastructure standpoint.

Building-wise, this is a good news, bad news story. I'm sure everyone has

seen the growth of

the Corrosion Control

Facility being

built on the north

side of the airfield

and the Engine Re-

gional Repair com-

plex springing out of the ground along Second Street, just south of the current ERRC. Both buildings recently received their exterior skins and roofs, and they should be complete around mid-summer.

The new Base Operations/Control Tower is also progressing, although not yet visibly. The former Base Ops complex is now down and work is concentrated on the installation of utility systems (gas, water, sewer and underground electricity). You should see some above-ground construction beginning in three months.

The Youth Center and Child Development Center are also making progress. Once completed, both will greatly benefit base members.

We recently installed new metal

roofs on several flight line shacks, the radio receiver facility, and we're rapidly completing the roof for the golf course clubhouse.

We also completed several small projects, using the fine folks from EAST, Inc., our in-house work force.

That's the good news. Now the bad news... due to low Air Force construction budgets, we are not expecting many new major construction projects this year or next. There just isn't any money out

there. We are working hard on the designs to renovate the officer and enlisted dormitories, additional roofs, parking lots, and other smaller construction projects. If AETC or the Air Staff locate some end-of-year funds, we'll be ready.

Infrastructure projects are also a good news, bad news story. Infrastructure refers to the utility and pavement systems on the base – construction projects you don't see, but those that, if not done, you'd surely notice!

Our largest project, which affects the most people, is the renovation of our water storage tanks. The base has a million-gallon ground tank and two above-ground tanks – 300,000 and 100,000 gallons, respectively. Although the water coming through the lines was well within standards, all three tanks needed to have hardness scale and some rust removed. Prior to the tanks returning

to service, the base Bioenvironmental Engineering shop tests the water to ensure it still is within Texas health standards. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in adhering to the lawn watering restriction during the work on the 300,000-gallon tank. Thanks!

Other infrastructure projects include a \$900,000 sewer repair project, a \$2.3 million taxiway repair project, the construction of two new parking lots along the flight line, and the installation of street lighting.

Unfortunately, although the dollar amounts sound impressive, the base still needs more than \$20 million in infrastructure projects. And, like the building "pot of money," the infrastructure pot is bare (in most cases, they are actually the same pot!). Here, too, we are working to have several projects designed and "on the shelf" – waiting for end of year funds!

The last group of projects, although actually a part of the categories already mentioned, belongs to base housing. I'm addressing these separately since they have raised quite a stir in the last few weeks – specifically the new street covering and window replacement projects.

In both cases, there was great concern over the safety of the children playing on the newly surfaced streets and for the residents living in the units receiving new windows. I'll put it straight – whether we're putting in a light switch, a sewer line, a window, a new control tower or a fuel line, safety is and always



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Contractors from MW Builders, of Temple, Texas, work Tuesday on the site of the future Base Operations Complex at the flightline here.

will be a major factor in every construction project we design and build. Just like doctors, firefighters, policemen or any other profession chartered with the protection of public health and property, we take our job very seriously and accept nothing less than 100 percent accuracy. We are also tasked with using the most economical construction methods and materials. Look for separate articles on each of these projects in next week's paper.

All in all, we have more than \$23.25 million of ongoing construction here. Hopefully, in the near future, you'll see a few more holes being dug or some additional construction fencing around new job sites.

## Actionline

Call 298-5351

when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

*Winfield W. Scott III*

Col. Winfield W. Scott III

47th Flying Training Wing commander



Call: My complaint is about horses. On at least four occasions, I have seen different people around the base riding horses in populated areas such as the dorms and housing. I've seen them at night without protective headgear or reflective clothing. I've also seen horse feces around the base roads. Are horse riders exempt from helmets and protective gear? Where specifically are they authorized to ride

their horses? To me this seems like an accident waiting to happen, especially at night.

Response: Horseback riding is allowed on base, but, as you said, not in populated areas. The dorms and housing are off-limits. There are trails, primarily around the base perimeter, where riding is allowed. The owners of horses at the base stables have been reminded

of the authorized areas they may use. There is no requirement for horseback riders to wear helmets or protective headgear. Wearing reflective clothing is certainly a good suggestion. We will remind our members that their safety and the safety of other base personnel is our primary concern. We apologize for any of our riders who rode into any populated areas.

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**“Excellence –  
not our goal, but  
our standard.”**

– 47 FW motto

**Safety Stats**

As of Dec. 20, 1999  
(Fiscal Year)

	'00	Total '99
On-duty mishaps	1	5
Off-duty mishaps	1	12
Traffic mishaps	0	2
Sports & Rec mishaps	1	6
Fatalities	0	0

**Air Force releases C-130 accident findings**

An accident investigation board cites pilot error as the cause of a 9th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron C-130E aircraft accident Dec. 10 at Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base, Kuwait. The accident killed three airmen and injured seven.

An accident investigation board, led by Col. Frank Laras, 625th Air Mobility Support Squadron commander, Naval Station, Rota, Spain, stated the cause of the mishap was crew complacency and failure to follow governing directives.

The report states the crew became complacent during the approach to the runway and failed to monitor its instruments, which is critical during night flying with reduced visibility. The pilot and copilot became spatially disoriented, leading to their failure to recognize their landing picture with reference to the runway and subsequently failing to identify a normal visual descent point.

Furthermore, the AIB report concluded the crew displayed a lack of sound judgment throughout the mishap sortie in making several errors. Specifically, Laras concluded the crew first erred and violated directives when it planned and flew an unauthorized instrument approach into Ahmed Al Jaber AB.

The second error in judgment occurred when the crew failed to use the existing navigational aid in setting up its approach to the runway.

Third, the crew violated directives when it failed to obtain an updated weather report from the tower prior to conducting a visual approach. At the time of the accident, weather conditions were below the minimum authorized for a visual approach.

Next, the crew erred when it failed to monitor its instruments during the landing. This failure, during a period of reduced vis-

ibility, caused the crew to become spatially disoriented. Thus, it failed to recognize the need to correct its steep rate of descent.

Laras concluded these errors were the result of a lack of leadership and discipline by the pilot throughout the mission. Additionally, he cited failures on the part of the copilot, the navigator and the flight engineer for a lack of support to the pilot.

The aircraft was fully mission capable with all systems functioning properly at mishap time. The C-130 sustained extensive damage to its main landing gear assemblies and adjacent fuselage areas upon impacting the sandy ground.

As the crew attempted to regain altitude, the aircraft flew about 1,000 feet at a 20 to 25 degree nose-up angle, with the tail about five feet above the ground.

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During this time, the right horizontal stabilizer hit a ground based instrument antenna. The remaining portions of the left and right main landing gear then came off.

After regaining altitude, the crew declared an emergency and diverted to Kuwait City International Airport. While the Kuwait City International Airport runway was being prepared, the damaged aircraft flew over the Persian Gulf to jettison about 3,000 gallons of fuel. The emergency landing at Kuwait City International Airport occurred about 48 minutes after the initial impact near Ahmed Al Jaber AB.

There were 86 passengers, two flight crew chiefs, and six crewmembers on board. During the initial impact, three passengers, seated in the fuselage area where the main landing gear attaches to the airframe, were fatally injured. The three fatalities were Capt. Michael D.



U.S. Air Force photo

Geragosian, 66th Rescue Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.; Airman 1st Class Benjamin T. Hall, 90th Transportation Squadron, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo.; and Airman 1st Class Warren T. Willis, 55th Transportation Squadron, Offutt AFB, Neb. All died of multiple blunt-force injuries.

Seven other members were injured. Three firemen and one medic aboard the aircraft performed resuscitation efforts until after the no-gear landing at Kuwait City International Airport.

The AIB report indicates the pilot, Capt. Darron A. Haughn, was a new aircraft commander with 51.7 hours pilot-in-command experience at the time of the mishap.

The report indicated the copilot, 1st Lt. Karrina M. Coleman was selected to offset an inexperienced aircraft commander. On the mishap approach, the report said Coleman failed to recognize the point at which the pilot should have transitioned to a normal glide path for a safe landing.

According to the report, squadron leadership made the effort to offset Haughn's inexperience with a strong copilot, an instructor navigator, and evaluator flight engineer, but all failed to do anything to prevent the pilot's actions leading to the mishap.

No significant damage was identified to the Kuwait City International Airport runway as a result of the no-gear landing. The repair cost for the ILS antenna at Ahmed Al Jaber AB has not been determined. Aircraft damage totaled approximately \$6.8 million. (Continued on A1)

Airman 1st Class Marjean Rosales places a name tag on the back of Owen Arkin as parents Veronica Arkin and Capt. Grady Arkin, 85th Flying Training Squadron look on. More than 40 parents and 35 children attended the Parent University event Monday and



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

**Parent University schools parents**

Parents from the base and local communities gathered at Ruben Chavira Elementary School Monday and Tuesday to learn more about raising their children and teenagers.

Parent University, a program locally hosted by the Laughlin Family Advocacy Center, Life Skills Clinic and the Helping Us Grow Stronger organization, offered classes on confidence building, making healthy snacks and dealing with behavioral problems in children.

"Parent University is also hosted annually by other bases and is one of the events highlighting Child Abuse Prevention Month," said Judy Rhinesmith, Laughlin Life Skills Center. "We were pleased with the turnout, even though we were competing with opening day for baseball downtown."

## The *XLer*

**Hometown:** Madison, Wis.

**Family:** Wife, Megan; daughters, Abbey and Emma.

**Time at Laughlin:** 2 years.

**Time in service:** 9 years.

**Why did you join the Air Force family?**

To become a pilot and see the world.

**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:**

Open a base theater and show new releases.

**Greatest accomplishment:** Being a great dad and husband.

**Long-term goals:** Continue to be a family man and keep my wife, kids and the good Lord happy.

**Hobbies:** Hockey and golf.

**Favorite food:** Spaghetti.

**Favorite beverage:** Squirt.

**Bad habit:** Staying up late at night.

**If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why?** My grandpa, who died when I was 6 years old. I have many fond memories of him and the things we did together. I am amazed that I remember so much about him. I wish I could have one more hour with him – now that I am old enough to understand what made him special.



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

**Capt. Jeff Seminaro**  
85th Flying Training Squadron

## Where are they now?

**Name:** Capt. Steve Ankerstar.

**Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin:** Class 97-10, June 1997.

**Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at:** F-15C, Eglin AFB, Fla.

**Mission of your aircraft?** Air to air combat.

**What do you like most about your current aircraft?** Air to air combat.

**What do you dislike most about your current aircraft?** Not flying enough, but it is no worse than any other operational aircraft.

**What was the most important thing you learned at Laughlin besides learning to fly?** Learning the importance of situational awareness and airmanship.

**What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin?** My first T-37 solo, which was my first solo ever.

**What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin?** SUPT is a marathon, not a sprint. Don't burn out. Keep prodding ahead.





# “Shaken but not stirred”—Class 00-07 graduates today

Student Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 00-07 graduates at 10 a.m. today in a ceremony in the Operations Training Complex.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air Force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-

engine subsonic T-37 Tweet. In the T-37, students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

Primary training consists of 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized area or track. The tracks include

tanker, bomber and cargo pilot training in the T-1 aircraft, fighter pilot training in the T-38, turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy’s T-44, and helicopter training in the Army’s UH-1.

Advanced training takes about 26 weeks and involves 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours. Graduates of Class 00-07 have been assigned to aircraft at duty stations throughout the world.



1st Lt.  
Regina Dawn O'Brien Beattie  
Yokota AB, Japan-C-21



2nd Lt. Matthew C. Brown  
Dyess AFB, Texas-B-1



2nd Lt. Jennifer Ann Baird  
McConnell AFB, Kan.-KC-135



2nd Lt. Luther T. Cross  
Luke AFB, Ariz.-F-16



2nd Lt. Brandon L. Cruce  
Fort Smith, Ark. (ANG)-F-16



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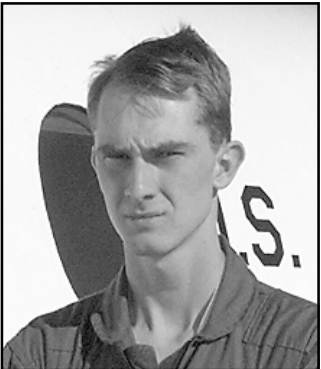
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McChord AFB, Wash.-C-17



2nd Lt. Lizabeth Michelle Grupe  
Barksdale AFB, La.-B-52



2nd Lt. Scott Alan Heuberger  
McChord AFB, Wash.-C-141



2nd Lt.  
Christopher Curtis Holland  
Robins AFB, Ga.-KC-135



2nd Lt. Matthew R. Housand  
Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.-F-15E



2nd Lt. William E. Irvin  
Luke AFB, Ariz.-F-16



2nd Lt. Michael C. Kallai, Jr.  
Travis AFB, Calif.-C-5



2nd Lt. Brian J. Keen  
St. Louis, Mo. (ANG)-F-15



2nd Lt. Braden William Mims  
Laughlin AFB, Texas-T-37



2nd Lt. Theresa Anne Pisano  
Grand Forks AFB, N.D.-KC-135



2nd Lt. Walter Douglas Sherrod  
McGuire AFB, N.J.-KC-10



2nd Lt. Jon E. Stiles  
Ellington Field, Texas (ANG)-F-16



2nd Lt. Daniel G. Svalya  
Tinker AFB, Okla.-E-3



2nd Lt. Tamara L. Ward  
Laughlin AFB, Texas-T-37



## Question of the week

### **What do you do to conserve energy at home?**



“My family shuts off the lights when we aren’t using them and keeps windows and doors closed when the heat is on.”

**Capt. Ed Stack**  
*86th Flying Training Squadron*



“I open the window when it is hot and use paper plates so I don’t have to run the dishwasher.”

**2nd Lt. Jamie Connoyer**  
*86th Flying Training Squadron*



“I open the window instead of turning on the air conditioner and turn off the light in the refrigerator.”

**Airman 1st Class Jason Barton**  
*47th Medical Support Squadron*



“I take short showers to help keep the water heater from working too much. I also turn off the aquarium light at night.”  
**Joey Mills**  
*Family member*

# Local recruiters do more than just ‘sign em up’

By Master Sgt. Rob Fuller  
*325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Everything has a beginning, and for many people, the start to a ‘great way of life’ begins with a visit to their local U.S. Air Force recruiting office.

Tech. Sgt. Otis Nattiel and Staff Sgt. Roy Bradt, Air Force recruiters, represent the thousands of men and women wearing the Air Force blue uniform daily to Panama City, Fla., residents.

Previously trained as an Air

Force Security Forces member, Nattiel grasped the opportunity to recruit young men and women out of a desire to help — in a different way.

“I like dealing with people and it’s the main reason I came

into recruiting,” Nattiel said. “As a member of the security forces, I dealt with people in a different aspect, typically when something bad was going on or there was a life-threatening situation. Now I get to meet people and help them

in another way — mold their future and offer them the same opportunities I have.”

Beyond a challenging and rewarding career, a myriad of opportunities awaits qualified applicants, Nattiel said. “If you’re looking to succeed in life, the Air Force is the way to go. Recruits receive more than \$20,000 worth of initial training and automatic enrollment in the community college of the Air Force, the largest Community College in the world. In addition, there’s the added benefits of travel, housing and food allowances, to name just a few.”

One of the newest incentives is a bonus between \$1,000 and \$3,000 for people qualifying for certain mechanical or electrical career opportunities, Nattiel said. Another Air Force benefit includes a six-year enlistment option that guarantees a two-stripe promotion 22 weeks after active duty begins.

New Air Force members can also sign up to use certain educational benefits offered by the Montgomery GI Bill. Under the GI Bill, enlistees can elect to have \$100 deducted from their paycheck for 12 months. Then, the Department of Veteran’s Affairs will add more than \$17,000 for a total of more than \$19,000 which can be used for secondary education purposes.

One example of someone who made the choice to join and benefit from service in the Air Force is Sean Harrigan, who is graduating from high school this year. He has a guaranteed job waiting for him in the Security Forces career field following basic training this summer.

“I joined because I’ve been part of an Air Force family for 19 years and I like what I’ve seen,” Harrigan said. “I’ve experienced the quality of life the Air Force offers, and I want to do something I enjoy.”

The bottom line, Nattiel said, is to explore all options and always be open-minded. “If you’re looking at all your options, you definitely want to look at the Air Force,” he said. “I guarantee there’s no way you’re going to get everything you’re looking for, unless you look at the Air Force.”

(Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

# Volunteer Week to begin Monday

By Airman 1st Class  
Brad Pettit

Staff writer

Volunteers from the base and Del Rio communities will be recognized Monday through April 15 during the Volunteer Appreciation Week here.

This week is set aside to honor people who have given their time and effort to help base organizations reach desired goals and mission requirements. Each year, supervisors submit names of volunteers in their units to be recognized throughout the week. These volunteers receive a certificate of appreciation and a small gift to thank them for their efforts.

“The 203 volunteers who were submitted this year are only a small portion of the total number of vol-

unteers we have at Laughlin,” said Mary Long, volunteer resource manager at the Laughlin Family Support Center. “These volunteers save the Air Force money and keep organizations like the American Red Cross, base Thrift Shop and Officer Spouses Club going strong. Without the help of volunteers, many of these organizations wouldn’t be able to remain active,” she continued.

This year, an Ice Cream Social is scheduled for April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the side of the 47th Mission Support Squadron Building. Col. Skip Scott, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, will be the guest speaker for the event.

For information on Volunteer Appreciation Week or the Ice Cream Social, call 5222.

## Base volunteer to receive Volunteer Excellence Award

By Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Staff writer

A base volunteer has been named the winner of the 1999 Volunteer Excellence Award for volunteering her time and service to several Laughlin and Del Rio organizations and activities.

Rita Daniels, base volunteer, gave her time as

treasurer to the Officer Spouse’s Club, unit director of the Girl Scouts for Laughlin and Del Rio, treasurer of the Boy Scout group committee and is the chairperson of “Operation Graduation” at Del Rio High School.

“I volunteer because I see the need for it,” said Daniels. “Children need role models, and volunteering is a way for me to help out the community and give the

girls in my troop someone to look up to. My reward for volunteering is the hugs and smiles I get from children almost everywhere I go.”

“I think everyone should volunteer for something,” Daniels continued. “If everyone would donate just five hours of time to the community, a lot of government programs wouldn’t be needed. Everyone should volunteer.”

### From the Blotter (47th Security Forces Squadron)



**March 23** – The law enforcement desk received a 911 call from an individual who said he had fallen down in Building 348. Patrols and ambulance services were dispatched. The injured man was transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center for treatment.

**March 24** – An individual telephoned security forces and said a suspicious package was located in the Post Office covered in oil. Patrols were dispatched. The package contained a leaking ink cartridge.

**March 25** – An active duty member telephoned security forces to report a domestic dispute with his wife. The husband was apprehended and charged with Article 128 of the UCMJ.

**March 26** – An individual phoned that her vehicle was hit over the weekend. The vehicle was parked between the dining and enlisted dorm facilities. If you have any information involving this accident, please call 5249. All information will be kept confidential.

**Tip of the month:** Due to the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection, security forces along with other agencies will be participating in base-level exercises. All personnel on the installation are required to comply with instructions. Affected areas in an exercise will be cordoned off. No unauthorized persons will be granted entry regardless of rank, age, race or gender until termination of the exercise.

*EMERGENCY CALL 911, NON-EMERGENCY CALL 5100*



# March 29 Luncheon celebrates Women’s History Month

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A luncheon was held March 29 at Club XL to celebrate Women’s History Month.

Ann Fuller, administrative judge for the United States Equal Opportunity Commission in San Antonio, was the guest speaker for the event. The judge’s speech focused on women gathering up the courage to enter male-dominated careers such as being a judge.

Fuller stated that while 46 percent of law school

students are women, only 1 to 2 percent hold places on the bench as judges. She stressed that women should become role models and open doors for future women.

“I’m sure everybody is aware of the strides that women have made in different areas of law, medicine, business and politics,” said Fuller. “However, I think there are still some areas that need attention. I think women can bring their unique experiences to all kinds of careers.”

The theme for the luncheon was “An Extraordinary

Century for Women, Now Imagine the Future.”

Col. Skip Scott, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, commented on the idea of this theme toward the end of the luncheon.

“Women have made tremendous strides throughout our history, from the military to the civilian workplace; but, we can do better as a nation. Today we need to ensure we encourage our daughters that there are unlimited opportunities if they work hard and follow their dreams.”

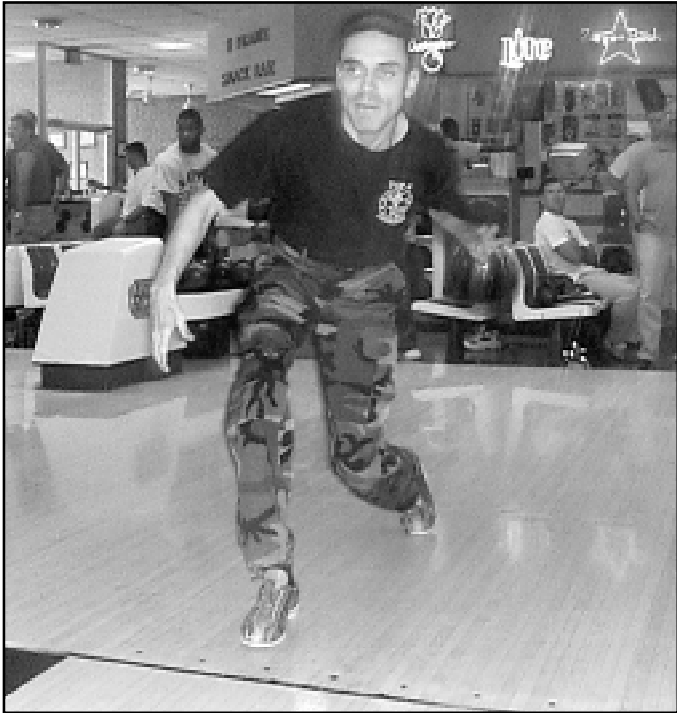


Photo by Senior Airman Mike Hammond

Strike

Master Sgt. Rosendo Ortiz, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, bowls at Cactus Lanes Wednesday during a Bowlathon to benefit the Air Force Enlisted Men’s Widows and Dependents Home Foundation, Inc. More than \$1,000 was raised, exceeding the desired goal.

2000 Intramural  
Basketball Schedule

April 17

87 FTS vs. LCSAM 7 p.m.  
SFS vs. OSS 8 p.m.  
CES vs. 86 FTS 9 p.m.

April 18

SFS vs. 87 FTS 7 p.m.  
CONS/SVS vs. MED GP 8 p.m.

April 20

OSS II vs. MSS 7 p.m.  
SFS vs. CES 8 p.m.

Intramural  
basketball  
standings

Eastern conference

<u>Teams</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
CES	7	1
LCSAM	7	2
87 FTS	5	4
SFS	3	6
OSS	3	8

Western conference

<u>Teams</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>
MDG	8	2
CS/SVS	6	4
86 FTS	5	4
MSS	2	8
OSS II	1	8

## PA notes

Deadline for items to be published in the Border Eagle is close of business (4:30 p.m.) Thursdays, one week prior to publication date.

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For more information, call the public affairs office at 5393.

## Bluegrass music service

The Border Line Singers, a Kentucky bluegrass music group, will sing gospel music Sunday at the 11 a.m. Protestant worship service at the Laughlin Base Chapel. The group is scheduled to perform for approximately 45 minutes during this special 90-minute service, which will include the special music and message, followed by a water baptism service.

Everyone is invited to attend all or part of this service. For more information, call the Base Chapel at 5111.

## Command chief visits

Chief Master Sgt. Charles "Mac" McLauren, 19th Air Force command chief master sergeant, is scheduled to visit Laughlin Wednesday.

## Annual awards luncheon

The 47th Flying Training Wing annual awards luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. April 26 at Club XL. Tickets are on sale. Nominees and commanders should RSVP to 298-5358. All others should see their first sergeant to sign pro-rata. For more information, call 5277.

## Retirement

A retirement luncheon for Master Sgt. Shirley Simon, 47th Support Group 1st Sergeant, is planned from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 24 at Club XL. The menu includes tequila lime chicken, and price (including gratuities) is \$7.50 for club members and \$9.50 for non-members.

The retirement ceremony is scheduled for 9 a.m. April 26 at the Fiesta Center.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Clarence Hardy at 5041.

## Travel card

In accordance with Public Law 105-264, government travel card use is mandatory effective May 1 for all authorized expenses unless otherwise exempted under the specific provisions detailed in paragraph E of the TTRA.

Contact the Financial Services Office at 5203 for more information.

## Scholarships available

The Officer Spouses Club is offering both academic and vocational scholarships to graduating seniors in the Del Rio, Comstock and Bracketville communities. For specific guidelines, eligibility and applications forms, see your high school counselor.

The OSC is also offering scholarships to active duty members E-4 and below and all spouses. Contact the



Photo by Guillermo Lopez

## Looks sharp!

Lt. Col. Allen Poerner, 47th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, and Lt. Col. Jacqueline Harry, 47th Mission Support Squadron commander, inspect a vehicle for the first quarter Top Wheels competition. The competition honors those who best maintain government vehicles in their care. Roland Gonzales, Engine Regional Repair Center, won in the General Purpose category. Billy Torres, EAST, Inc., won in the Special Purpose category.

Base Education Office at 5545 for eligibility, guidelines, and application forms. The deadline for all applications is April 14.

For more information, call Camisha Dickinson, scholarship chairman, at 298-2815.

## Fitness opportunity

There is a pickup game of Ultimate Frisbee every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:15 a.m. on the field between building 246 (MSS) and the credit union.

All are welcome to play this high-energy game, which can promote increased physical fitness. Rules will be explained to newcomers on request.

## Rodeo association forms

A rodeo association has been established to meet the demands of the military cowboy and cowgirl across the United States. The Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association was created due to the increasing popularity of the sport of rodeo throughout the armed forces. Active duty, Reserve and Guard members, dependents, and those who have served honorably in the armed forces are eligible to participate. For more information, call J.B. Burns at (505) 784-8349.

## Start Smart Program

The Start Smart Sports Development Program is open to children ages 3-5. The program is for parents who want to help their child develop basic motor skills – such

as throwing, kicking, catching and batting – that are needed to participate in sports. The program will be from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday at the Fiesta Center, and will continue every Tuesday at that time for six weeks. For more information, call Brian Colonna at 5474.

## New Arrivals

*The newest additions to the Laughlin family are:*

■ John R. Dunham: 8 lb., 4 oz. boy born March 5 to Maj. John Dunham, 87th Flying Training Squadron, and his wife, Vicki. Young John joins a sister, Alexandra, in the Dunham family.

■ Kyle A. Cotoia: 8 lb., 8 oz. boy born March 11 to Capt. Scott Cotoia, 84th Flying Training Squadron, and his wife, Jill. Kyle is their first child.

■ Dillon J. Morrison: 8 lb., 15 oz. boy born March 23 to Capt. Jeff A. Morrison, 86th Flying Training Squadron, and his wife, Melinda. Dillon joins a sister, Megan, in the Morrison family.

■ Abigail E. Selkey: 6 lb., 2 oz. girl born March 23 to 1st Lt. Allen Selkey, 85th Flying Training Squadron, and his wife, Elizabeth. Abigail joins a sister, Virginia, in the Selkey family.

■ Faith L. Kollien: 6 lb., 13 oz. girl born March 23 to Maj. Alan L. Kollien, 47th Flying Training Wing, and his wife, Carla. Faith joins a brother, Grant, in the Selkey family.

■ Victoria F. Carabajal: 8 lb., 7 oz. girl born March 25 to Petty Officer 2nd Class Benito H. Carabajal IV, U.S. Navy, and his wife, Ninfa. Victoria joins a brother, Benito, in the Carabajal family.